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of a platinum-zirconium film. Thus, in view of the above comments, Tani et al. fail to teach or suggest that which is missing from the combination of Lee et al. in view of Senzaki et al.

For at least the above reasons, Applicant submits that the Examiner has failed to make a *prima facie* case of obviousness both with the combination of Lee et al. in view of Senzaki et al. in the rejection of claims 32 and 33 and with the combination of Lee et al., in view of Senzaki et al., and further in view of Tani et al. in the rejection of claims 34-37.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 32, 33, and 34-37 are respectfully requested.

Summary

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 1-10 and 25-37 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

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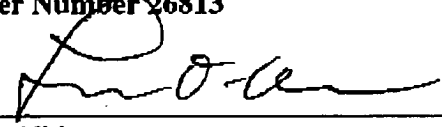
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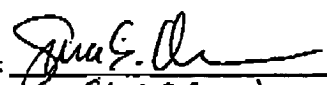
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